

Fusion of the Races

For A MONGREL AMERICA TOMORROW

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Will you agree that we live in a changing world? Nothing stays the same very long. Some changes are improvements, but not always so. Change and decay often go together. Things can change for the better, or things can change for the worse.

In defense of this sermon that will consider race (if indeed it needs any defense) let me say that I do not believe that the Church, as a corporate body, has any divine mandate to become officially involved in the approval of economic programs or political strategies. It is not the business of the church to consider the economic, military, or peacetime aspects of getting to the moon. Nor is it the duty of the Church to counsel with the government whether to photograph or not to photograph the planet Mars.

I feel that the United Presbyterians (bless their hearts) at their 176th General Assembly last year in Oklahoma City were out of order as they tried to deal with the United States conduct of world trade. I doubt that even six of the delegates, out of the eight hundred present, had enough facts in hand to vote on this issue, but they all voted without discussion.

But when we come to the subject of "fusion of the races" I believe the Church can take her stand. Our God has little or nothing to say about some topics in His revealed Word, but He does speak about racial integrity. The important thing about any considered subject is not what you and I may think, or even how we feel emotionally. The only thing that should really concern us is what does God say on the subject? How does our heavenly Father feel about it?

We are now facing the awful trend of "homogenization" of the human races. I borrow this word from the dairy industry. Homogenized milk is milk in which the butterfat has been so thoroughly diffused and blended that it will never be separated again. Each drop is exactly equal to every other drop. So if all milk were homogenized, there would be no more cream, or butter, or skim milk, or even buttermilk.

Some people today have been sold the idea that our Bible teaches that all men are created equal. This is not true. It teaches anything but. We invite, and even urge, everyone to make a fresh study of the Bible on the subject of equality. Others need to read again the Declaration of Independence to see what is in it. It does not speak of human equality beyond equal rights to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.

Absolute equality and absolute uniformity are inseparable. We all know that differences mean inequalities and that differences are very important. We prefer one person or one thing to another because of their differences. My dear lady, your husband married you because you were different.

The other girls were not equal to you. In fact, not even the stars are equal. I read in 1 Corinthians 15:41 that "One star differeth from another in glory."

God did not want a world of dreary monotony, nor did He create one. He put together a world of pleasing variety. Why stand up today and blame man, or society, or the government for all our differences? Of course, we create some of them, but God has made most of the differences. The short man is not to blame for not being tall. Nor is the stupid fellow to blame because he is not a genius. Nor does God treat everybody the same. If He did, we'd all live the same length of time. We'd all be equally strong or equally weak.

Our God is a God of EQUITY, but not a God of equality. And equity requires that a "one-talent man" be given one talent, and that a five-talent man" be given five talents. Equity meets every man on his own level. But, and this is important, equality seeks to put a floor under every man, but in so doing it has to put a ceiling above him. In any effort to bring about equality, we must beware lest we put the floor and ceiling too close together. If the ceiling is too low, the tall man must stoop . . . the genius is brought down. Ah! But it is far easier to cut a five-talent man down to two talents than it is to raise a one-talent man up to two. We must sacrifice the cream in order to homogenize the milk. If we plan to put everybody on one level, it must be a very low level. If we want everybody able to jump the fence, we must not build a very high fence.

This trend is found in every realm today. Deplorable efforts are being made to homogenize race, religion, and society as a whole.

Homogenized race is called integration.
Homogenized religion is called ecumenicism.
Homogenized society is called communism.

In reality it is just three aspects of one thing. If you accept the one, it will be hard to reject the others. Let's face it - integration means and requires intermarriage. Many white people will dispute this, but few in the negroid race will debate it.

In last Monday's Richmond Times-Dispatch (July 19, 1965) many of you perhaps saw the picture on page two of the four Hawaiians. This article by Associated Press Writer Jack Miller carried the banner: Group Tours South—"Hawaiians Bring Message of Interracial Harmony." This group, Charles M. Campbell, an Oriental woman named Fugie Matsunami, and two white girls, Becky Gressitt, age 20, and Sue Howard, age 18. The newspaper story went on to tell how these four were currently touring in America and visiting our schools explaining interracial marriage to our young people. Campbell said that students in this country show an interested surprise when they are told that interracial marriages are generally no problem in Hawaii. He went on to state, "We have seen some real changes in the ideas of these youngsters in just the short time we have met with them. We are very encouraged."

Believing from the article that this group had spoken to young people in our city and wanting sincerely to know who was behind such a program,

I phoned the writer of the article, Mr. Jack Miller. He did not have the full story and suggested that I get in touch with Richmond's Mayor who had met the group at the airport. In doing so I

found that our city officials had accepted these people in good faith. The acting mayor of the city of Honolulu, Mr. Robert F. Ellis, had asked that Richmond welcome this group. Our city leadership had no advance information as to the makeup of the party or the type of propaganda they would loose in our city. Like others from other nations, this Hawaiian group was entertained in one of our fine Richmond homes where, I am told, the Negro, Charles M. Campbell, kept busy calling and meeting with different local groups.

Who or what group was behind having this four-some tour our southern states? Were they induced to come over by one of our Civil Rights organizations? I still do not know, but I know this - I do not appreciate such a group trying to sell the idea of interracial marriage to our young people.

To integrate means to reduce to just one. Just as long as two or more races retain their racial identity, there has been no real integration. And, if you would object to marriages between whites and Negroes you are not an out-and-out integrationist. Negro leaders now are trying to make schools 50% Negro and 50% white even if it means trucking these children miles and miles from home base. They are not interested in normal procedures.

1. Let me say that race is divine in origin. The white man did not make the Negro black nor did he make himself white. Man cannot change race by chemistry, nor by climate, nor with cosmetics. Listen again to Jeremiah 13:23 "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?"

Do we want racial amalgamation? Take a good look at Haiti. Make a good study of Cuba or Mexico. Take a trip to Egypt. The great dynasties of the Pharaohs fell when they went south and brought Sudanese Negroes to Egypt to be servants and later intermarried with them.

Let me tell you something - we can integrate, but it is impossible to de-integrate. No two races have ever lived side by side, in all history, without segregation or integration which turned finally into a mixed breed of people. Mongrelization has always been the end-result of integration in any nation. It is not a question of superiority or inferiority, but of divinely ordained differences that ought to be preserved. God must have wanted men of different colors, else He wouldn't have made the different races.

With reference to marriage we say: "What God joined together, let no man put asunder." Now it is high time to say: "What God hath separated, let no man amalgamate."

2. Let me say that the human race was fully integrated at the Tower of Babel. The human race was completely homogenized racially, religiously, socially, and politically. This was the darkest day thus far in human history subsequent to Adam's fall. Satan was nearer to a complete victory in that day than he ever has been since. The story is found in Genesis 11 and you need to read it and fully understand it. God, Himself, had to come

down and deal directly with the situation. Segregation was born at Babel and our God was the creator of it.

A type of integration caused the flood of Noah. Did you know that? When the "Sons of God" married with the "Daughters of Men" there was an integration that was highly offensive to God and He destroyed it in the great flood. Trace through your Old Testament and you will find that the hardest God ever whipped His people Israel, other than for the sin of idolatry, was when they intermingled and intermarried with other races. Two things were at stake: (1) Their faith in God. (2) Their racial identity.

Speak of equalizing things - SIN is the greatest equalizing force in all the world and to mongrelize the races is sin. The man that says race is superficial does not know what he is talking about. Racial differences are intellectual, psychological, and moral. Look at the record of each race and see what it has been able to accomplish.

Everything that God does is worthy of Himself. He made the giant tree and also the tender violet and the world is better for having them both. The whole spirit of the Bible backs racial integrity. The orthodox Jew still keeps his race pure . . . he does not intermarry with other races. Why? Because he knows, and has always known, what God teaches on the subject. Many will say that I am wrong and begin quoting Colossians 3:11 "Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all." But this passage has nothing to do with racial integrity nor

does it mean that after we are Christians we should mix ourselves socially into a polyglot mixture and become integrated mongrels before the Lord who divided us into races and tongues. This verse tells us we can all become a spiritual unity in Jesus Christ and be identified as spiritual brothers and sisters who work for the common good, but that is all it is saying. To me the Bible is the most segregated book in the world. There is nothing homogenized about it. It separates everything and everybody. It segregates the sheep from the goats; the believer from the unbeliever; right from wrong; heaven from hell; language from language; and race from race.

The Lord has blessed us in this world so let us all do the best we can with what we have. Let us be humbly proud of our racial lines and background. This is no time to put our birthright on the auction block simply because some are agitating and parading. If we do we will find ourselves later with a sorry mess of porridge.

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